

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: The site is located at the north end of Little Rock Lake, marked by a silver arrowhead on a post. The site is in a small meadow with trees around it, about 500' in elevation below treeline and 1/2 mile away from treeline. Below the lake is spruce forest with several large open meadows (often wet). Above the lake the terrain is rocky and fairly steep. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

THERE ARE NO TRAILS INTO THE SITE.

To approach the area, you have two options. You can start at Milner Pass and then descend off the Continental Divide in the vicinity of Mt. Ida. A map should be consulted for descent routes. A second option is to approach the site by descending from Rock Cut.

SOME OF THESE ROUTES MAY INVOLVE STEEP UNSTABLE SLOPES. CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED.

CAUTION: ALL ROUTES OFF THE DIVIDE MAY BE COVERED BY STEEP SNOWFIELDS IN SPRING AND SUMMER. CRAMPONS AND ICE AXES MAY BE NECESSARY AND ARE ADVISED UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS. It is highly recommended to carry a topographic map since route finding can be difficult, especially in bad weather. Krumholz and tundra grasses may be several inches deep in water. There are many fallen trees below treeline.

Number of Sites: 1

Elevation: 10,280 ft.

Distance: Approximately 6 mi. from Milner Pass; approximately 2 ½ mi. from Rock Cut.

Elevation Change: From Milner Pass, gain 2,130' to Mt. Ida then a loss of 2,600' to the site. From Rock Cut, descend 2,260' into Forest Canyon, then a 380' gain to the site.

Estimated Travel Time: 5⁺ hours depending on conditions.

Water Source: Water is available from the outlet stream. Boil or adequately.

To Reach the Trailhead: From the east entrance to the drive along Trail Ridge Road 17.5 miles to Rock Cut, or 26.3 miles to Milner Pass. From the Grand Lake Entrance, drive north along Trail Ridge Rd. 16.9 miles to Milner Pass, or 25.7 miles to Rock Cut.